

**PATENT**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of:	:	Docket No.: ACM 2948 P1US
Paulus Pieter DE WIT et al.	:	
	:	Group Art Unit: 1623
Serial No.: 10/519,939	:	
	:	Examiner: Everett White
Filing Date: January 25, 2005	:	
	:	Confirmation Number: 5044
Title: DEPOLYMERIZATION OF WATER	:	
SOLUBLE POLYSACCHARIDES	:	
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**INTERVIEW SUMMARY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.133**

Sir:

Responsive to the Interview Summary mailed January 30, 2009, Applicants submit the present Interview Summary for entry in the above-identified case.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.

## Remarks/Arguments

Applicants thank Examiners Jiang and White for conducting the telephonic Examiner Interview on January 27, 2009 with Applicants' attorney. It is noted that an earlier telephonic Examiner Interview was conducted on January 12, 2009, between Examiner White and Applicants' attorney. It is believed that the second Interview Summary supersedes the first Interview Summary; however, this Interview Summary is responsive to both Interviews.

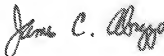
In the first Examiner Interview, Applicants' attorney and Examiner White discussed the outstanding 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph rejection of the pending claims. Specifically, Applicants' attorney asserted that the § 112, first paragraph, rejection was improper, by arguing that support for the feature of "said solid composition comprising a polysaccharide ether and from 2 to 10 wt% of an alkaline depolymerization agent, based on the weight of said polysaccharide ether" was found in the specification at the very least at page 10, 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph, and in the Examples. Examiner White disagreed and, unfortunately, no agreement was reached. Also discussed was the restriction of claims 1-6 and 14 from the application, for which Examiner White agreed to reconsider Applicants arguments regarding the rejection based on "election by original presentation."

In the second Examiner Interview, the § 112, first paragraph, rejection was again discussed with Examiner White and his supervisor, Examiner Jiang. Again, Applicants' attorney asserted that the rejection was improper by arguing that support for the above-noted feature was found in the specification, as noted above. After further consideration, Examiners Jiang and White agreed to withdraw the rejection.

As indicated in the Examiner Interview Summary dated January 30, 2009, it is Applicants' understanding that Examiners Jiang and White agreed to withdraw the § 112, first paragraph, new matter rejection and would issue a further Action (Notice of Allowance or otherwise) within two weeks of the Examiner Interview. To date, no further Action has been received by Applicants. Accordingly, Applicants await such

Action by the Office, and believe that the currently pending claims are in condition for allowance. Notice of such Action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James C. Abruzzo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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